

Medical Units & Elements Operating in the Division Area

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Purpose

To outline the structure and function of medical elements within the division area

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Outline

- DISCOM Med Bn
 - HQ & Co A Med Bn
 - FSMC
- MSB/FSB Design
- Organic Medical Elements

DISCOM Medical Bn

- found in divisions without MSB/FSB design
 - Airborne Divisions
 - Air Assault Divisions

Med Bn Function

- HQ: provide C2 for HSS
- Prevent injury
- Evacuate troops
- Medical treatment
- Prompt return to duty

Med Bn HQ

Functions

(**Specifics, 1 of 2**)

- Med supply, equip. maint.
- Supp't HSS Echelons I, II
- Optometry
- Emergency Dental
- CSC Mental Health

Med Bn HQ

Functions

(Specifics, 2 of 2)

- Consultation for Echelon I MTF referrals
- Blood for Echelon II MTFs
- Reinforcing or reconstituting Echelon I medical elements

HQ & Co. A

- Collocated w/ Med Bn HQ in division rear (DSA)
- Provides Echelons I & II HSS functions w/ limited surgery & holding up to 40 pts who can RTD within 72 hours

FSMC

- 3 in each med bn, 1 in FSB
- Provides Echelons I & II care to div. & corps elements in brigade area
- Has HQ, treatment platoon, & ambulance platoon

FSMC Capabilities

- Treat minor problems
- Prep for & evacuate from BAS to MTF, or hold for RTD
- Resupply & reinforce
- Limited dental, lab, X-ray

Units w/ MSB/FSB

DISCOM Medical Elements:

- DMOC (Div Med Ops Ctr)
- Med Co, MSB--in DSA
- Med Co, FSB--in BSA

DMOC Function

Advise cdr on needs for HSS

- plan
- task organize
- prioritize
- execute & monitor

Medical Co., MSB

- Provides HSS & advice to units in DSA that need it
- CSC/Mental Health
- Optometry
- Policy/guidance/prevention
- Reinforces FSMCs

Medical Co., FSB

- Provides HSS Echelons I & II to brigade, med sppt to BSA
- Commander is bde surgeon
- Has Co HQ, Trmt Plt, & Amb Plt

Common to MSB & FSB

- triage
- consultation
- emerg.
dental
- field
lab/Xray
- resupply
- blood
- evacuation
- holding for
RTD in 72hrs

Organic Medical Units

- Aviation Brigade
- Combat Support Battalion
- Medical Platoon in HHC light infantry battalion

Aviation Brigade

Medical section

- provides med trmt for bde
- flight (bde) surgeon provides primary care for bde

Combat & CS Bns

- Depend on supporting Med Co for Echelon II care
- Have a med platoon, with MD (Bn surgeon) as platoon leader in combat bn

Medical Platoon

- HQ section, treatment squad, ambulance section, & combat medic section
- Provides ATLS, EMT, evac, sick call, stress prev., & Echelon I medical support

Summary

- DISCOM Med Bn
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Conclusion

Structure and function of medical units varies only slightly in different type of units